

# August

## Magic Lantern Society NEWS 2010



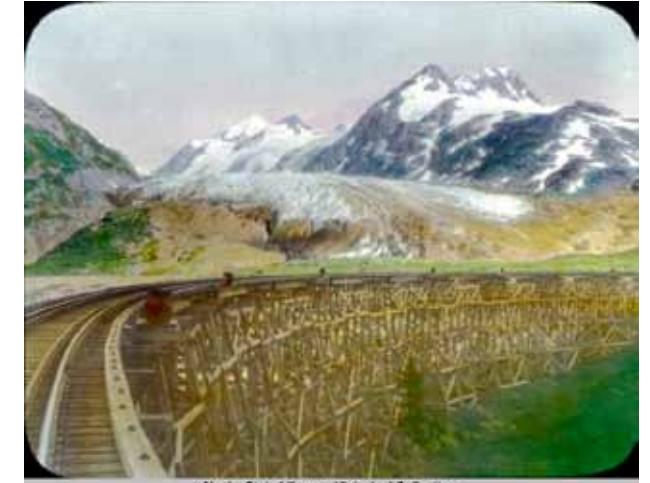
### The Alaska Railroad Tour Lantern Slide Collection, 1923



Sourdough roadhouse  
Open touring car 1920's vintage parked in front.



1920's touring car on the highway which appears to be little more than a lane in this area.



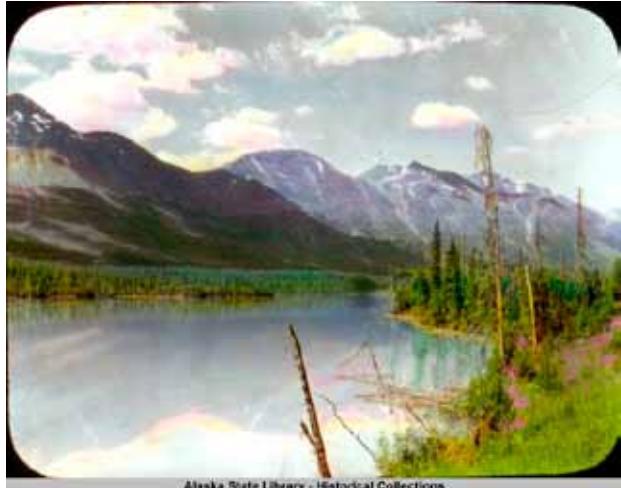
Bartlett Glacier. View from high trestle tunnel No. 2.

Check these out!

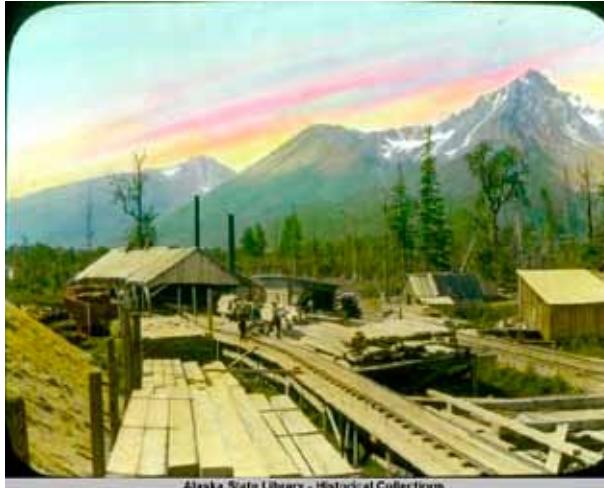


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## More about Alaska Railroad Tour Lantern Slides



Lower Trail Lake, Mile 30.



Sawmill at mile 3 near Seward



Lower Trail Lake, Mile 30

### From: LitSite Alaska

University of Alaska Anchorage  
<http://www.litsite.org/index.cfm>

Alaska Railroad Tour Lantern Slide Collection, 1923. Alaska State Library. This collection of 85 colored lantern slides advertised the Alaska Railroad's Tour #2 in the first year of operation for the Alaska Railroad in 1923. The slides are imprinted with "Alaska Railroad, Washington D.C." The tour began at the Alaska Steamship pier in Seattle and continued by steamship up



Trail Glacier and lateral moraine, Mile 44

through the Inside Passage to Seward where the passengers boarded the train. The images start at Seward and show the scenic views along the tour as the train heads to Fairbanks and then by automobile to Valdez. Tour #2 covered 4,402 miles in 22 days, and cost \$240.65. The slides advertised the scenic beauty of Alaska and activities of Alaskans living along the route.

### Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society? If your answer is yes! Send site information or your images to Larry and they will be shared in the next E-pub newsletter.

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Rapids Upper Fall '80s Haynes Yellowstone



Grotto Geyser 1880s FJ Haynes Yellowstone

**Frank Jay Haynes (1853-1921)** made a tremendous record of Yellowstone Park in the 1880s returning often through the early 20th Century. Additionally, he operated successful portrait studios from the 1870s on. He served as the Official Photographer of the Northern Pacific Railroad, making an extensive documentation of their line including locations, equipment and the territories around them. He also recorded the same for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. In 1884 he became the Official Photographer of Yellowstone National Park with a studio in Mammoth Hot Springs. During his long career he worked in or held studios in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Wisconsin; Moorehead, Minnesota; Yellowstone Park; and ultimately St. Paul in 1889. In the late 1880's he operated his own photographic railroad car gallery called "Haynes Studio." In 1892, he and his brother, Fred E. Haynes dissolved their partnership with Frank continuing the business and Fred moving to Jacoby Studio. His photographs are featured in many publications about Yellowstone and other western locations including Canada and Alaska.



Yakima Valley Washington c1880 Haynes

## Magic lantern Alive and Well

Last month we had a note about a statement from *The National Museum of Health and Medicine* about another dead technology.

### The Magic Lantern.

Coming next month there will be a paper from students of the Communications department at Concordia University in Montreal about their findings of the dead technology.

### *History of Communication and Media Dead Media Written Report:*

#### *Magic Lantern*

Written by:

Nisha Platzer, Devon Bate, Guillermo Martinez, Julia Milz, Adriana Sandoval

E-mail me today and let me know about the shows and presentations you have given, gone to, or will be giving for the year 2010. Please include any show even if only given to family and friends. Audience size does not matter. What we are looking for is how often the lantern is ***alive and well*** and being used to educate and entertain today.

Please include the date and location of the show. Next month along with the paper from the Montreal students there will be a list of the shows by the society members.

**E-mail Larry**

**Follow up to  
Take Me Out To the Ball Game  
from last month**

From Society member: INEZ MARTYNA

Hey, if you want to see this set of slides in action go to this You Tube location: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xzq43kndW7U>

*Editor Note: Great video but to bad they thought they had to put copyright across the middle of all the images, very distracting!*

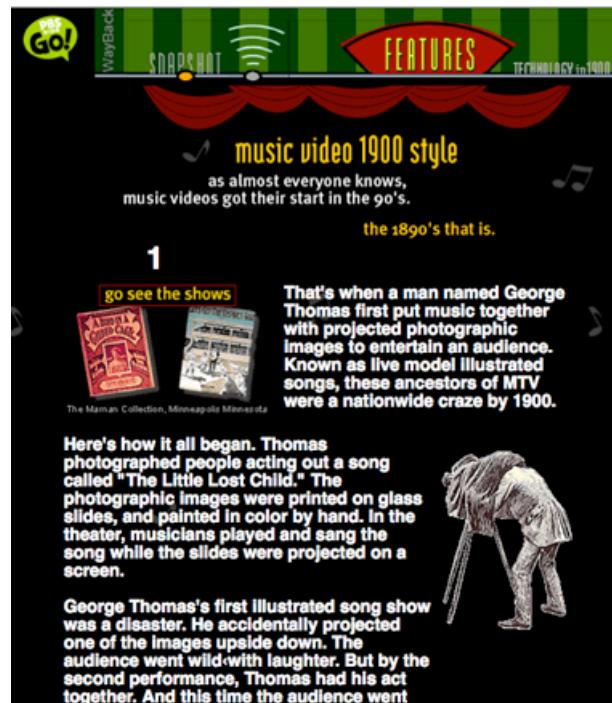


### Some more information about Song Slide Makers

The slide makers John Duer Scott and Edward Van Altena formed a company together in 1904. Van Altena was the photographer, Scott the colourist. They produced a lot of sing along slides, with hand coloured, photographic montage effects, usually sold in sets of 16, including title and chorus. (Sing along slides are

### Another Song Slide Site some history and song slides inaction

[pbskids.org/wayback/tech1900/music/index.html](http://pbskids.org/wayback/tech1900/music/index.html)



### More Song Slide Information

**"Goodbye, Girlie, and Remember Me"  
An Illustrated Song**

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/gtts/learn/Illustrated-Song.html>



### At Joyland.

There will be two very fine pictures shown at Joyland theatre today. "The Black Hand," taken from one of the recent cases, and full of interest from start to finish, and "The White Squaw," a thrilling Western story, are the titles of the pictures that will be shown. The title of the illustrated song, "Good-bye Girlie and Remember Me." The programme changes daily.

singing.) After the dissolution of the firm around 1919, each partner continued separately.

Edward advertised in the publication *Outlook*, An illustrated weekly journal of current life. See below ad from January 1921 issue.

**LANTERN SLIDES**  
LANTERN slides made and colored. Highest grade work. 25 years' experience. **Edward Van Altena, 6 East 36th St., New York City.**

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
**INVENTIONS wanted. Cash or royalty for**

live model illustrated song slides, which were shown in nickelodeons with local talent lead the audience

## More From the Members

### From: Tom Rall

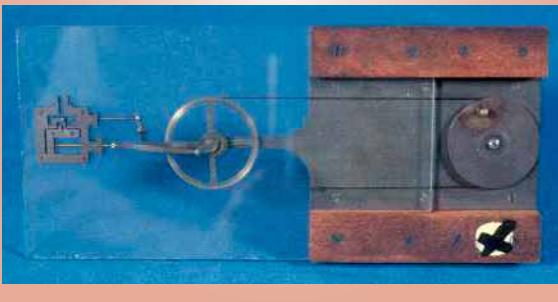
**Also from the small world category:** While exhibiting at the NSA trade show in Sandusky, Ohio, last weekend, I had Phyllis, a 3-D photographer, stop by to say that she had just seen the magic lantern show at the Civil War re-enactment she had photographed recently; and another guy stop by and remark that he had picked up our MLS flier at a flea market in Washington, DC, last month. Plus I sold a bunch of slides of Japan to a Yokohama native writing a book on Japanese stereo. And I handled a querry, via Dick Moore, from Lester Smith in the UK, who wanted me to say hello to one of their MLS members, whom I'd just met.

### Unusual Slide

Nineteenth century physics instructors used slide projectors for demonstrations. This is an articulated steam engine model which fits into the projection gate of a slide projector. It is at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

#### From:

[http://physics.kenyon.edu/EarlyApparatus/Thermodynamics/Steam\\_Engine/Steam\\_Engine.html](http://physics.kenyon.edu/EarlyApparatus/Thermodynamics/Steam_Engine/Steam_Engine.html)



## Group NW Events

**John Potter gave Show July 17 at the Heritage Quest Library in Sumner, WA.**  
This is a private genealogical library, that usually has special programs associated with genealogy. John presented mostly historical slides of the area as well as some other slides.

#### From John,

The show went very well. For this group it is a good turnout. For some of their latest events, they have had zero to just a few. When several people came in later to use the museum, several people said that you missed a good show.

## Revelstoke Railroad Days

Mervyn Heard will be doing two shows here, on Thursday August 12th and Saturday 14th, both in the evening. We hope to maybe see a few of you then!

**Thursday, August 12th**

**Saturday, August 14th**

[www.railwaydays.com](http://www.railwaydays.com)

### Group NW August Meeting

## Noon August 15

Ralph and Judie Shape  
3757 So. 194th St.  
Seattle, WA 98188

Please bring salad or dessert for pot luck.

Not to soon to start talking about the 2012 Convention in Tacoma.  
Remember those show and tells.  
Please RSVP Ralph and Judie Shape  
[RShape@compuserve.com](mailto:RShape@compuserve.com)  
or (206) 592-8270

**Don't miss-out on the chance to see**



## Other Inquiries

### Subject: Brenert Hi-Lighter Lighting Fixture

Hi Brian - I'll forward this on and see if any of our members have information that would be of help. Sounds all very interesting but as you note, a bit out of most of our member's area of expertise. But who knows what might surface.

Best regards,  
Ron Easterday  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Magic Lantern Society of the United States and Canada

### Contact Name: Brian Shipinski

Email address: bshipinski@upstaging.com

Comments: Just bought two of these fixtures out of an antique shop over the weekend. I have a 60+ museum on stage lighting going, plus over 200 antique fixtures experience at this point in going back to 1916 Chicago Stage Lighting, Kliegl and Major. While I note the existance of this company in the 1920's thru the 1950's, I also note of them in the 1950's that they were getting into stage lighting at that point.

The 5" Plano Convex fixtures I bought are very much early in design by way of cast aluminum front and rear plates, 1/4" stud science experiment like reflector mounts, P-28s medium screw lamp holders - this on the fixture rated for only 250w as opposed to 400w as would be available at the time etc. Lots of details in having studied old lights.

In the past, I will have thought hex screws and 4-40 screws as found on this fixture would denote a younger fixture - this even if unique hexagon screw base without even brand would make it older. Very confusing to me. 5" lens I see the lamp retaining clips to but lacking the lens or even gel frame or other assemblies to on it.

Also lacking the reflector. I realize that with PC fixtures both lens and reflector were amongst many options and have a lot of fixtures including a Bantam Super spot that didn't come with in finding.

Anyway, given the old darker green as it were Olive Drab color of the fixture, I'm looking for history on this fixture so as to better present in the lighting museum.

It I think was a wall bracket type of fixture in one having a 1/4-20 swivel mount and no side or yoke mounting. First fixture for me in fact that you access the lamp from the side. Got one from top access I don't know the brand of, and many from the front.

Any help or in contacting me off line you can do in photos? This is for research purposes in mounting this fixture amongst many others in a museum and thanks.

Email address: bshipinski@upstaging.com

### Subject: Mimwa-za Troupe

### From: Jack Judson

Wondered if anyone saw the NHK World TV broadcast on the Minwa-za Troupe on Friday 7/23/10 - I was unable to view it and wondered if anyone recorded it - if a copy was available?

Email- [Jack Judson](#)

If anyone can be of help to  
these inquiries please e-mail  
**Brian, Jack or Don.**

### From Tom Rall

### Subject: Ives Lantern Kromskop Slide

Don,

I'm forwarding your query to members of two magic lantern societies, including newsletter and web masters.

Tom

In a message dated 7/23/2010 10:29:57 P.M.  
Mr Tom Rall

I talked to you at the NSA trade fair about my **Ives Lantern Kromskop** and my desire to find a slide for it.

You indicated that you could possibly put me in touch with someone who might have one. I would appreciate any help you can provide in directing me to such a slide.

Based on measuring the projector the slide will be about 9 1/8 " wide and around 3 or 3 1/2" high with three more or less identical images side by side on the slide

Thanks for any assistance you can provide in this project.

Don Balmer [camfixer@pasty.net](mailto:camfixer@pasty.net)

## Member Updates Change of Address

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Erie, MI 48133-9684

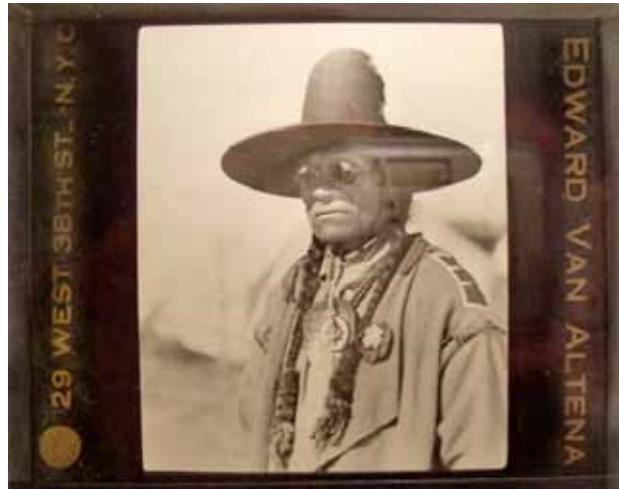
As Seen On



Watching magic lantern items on eBay can be very interesting and entertaining.

### Another Van Altean Slide Antique Native American Indian Photo Slide On Glass

Early 1900s Edward van Altena, NYC Magic  
Lantern Slide  
Ended: Jul 16, 2010  
Bid history: 10 bids  
Winning bid: US \$79.00  
Shipping: \$2.50 Standard Flat Rate  
Item location: Towaco, New Jersey



### Antique poker cards playing & cigars photo glass slide

Price: original price us \$195.00  
Discounted price us \$146.25

Sale ends in 6 days Buy it now

### Antique c. 1910 group of young men playing cards w cigars magic lantern glass slide

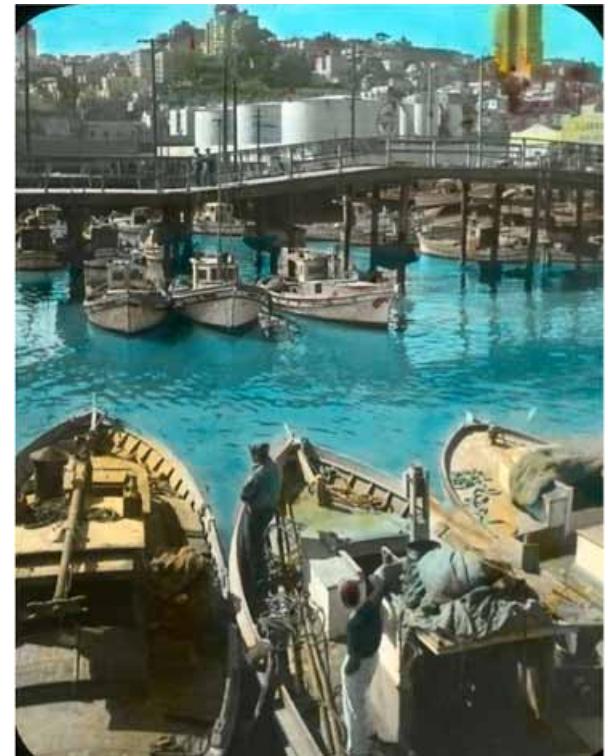
These slides are in great shape. They all measure about 3 1/4 x 4 inches. The edges show some wear and a few small glass chips but all in all really a fantastic image.

I had figured out that this was a collection of original glass slides that were made of some sort of family or company outing. One of the slides was just of the american flag that was at the club where this outing took place. Fortunately, I could count the stars and it was a 46 star flag. That encompasses the years of 1908-1912 so we can date these glass slides to within that 4 year window. That makes these very early golf and tennis images. And the slides are in excellent shape with the original images being crisp and clear. Great as original slides or would make incredible photograph prints. I have searched the internet for anything comparable. Other slides are available but none of sports like these-- I think these are incredibly rare--



Unusual composition with the light gray rectangle hole in the center of the image.

### Nice hand-colored slide



### FISHERMAN WHARF/BOAT~SAN FRANCISCO~MOULIN LANTERN SLIDE

Price: US \$24.95 Buy It Now

Item location: Denver, Colorado

Antique Hand-Colored Magic Lantern Glass Slide

Photographer: Gabriel Moulin, 153 Kearny St., San Francisco, Calif.





**More than 100 Magic Lanterns on offer!**

Magic Lantern »Factory, c. 1895«  
By Georges Carette, Nuremberg.  
Superbly rare!

Large Wooden American Kaleidoscope  
23 ½ in. high – Very impressive and decorative!

Ernst Plank: »Kinematofor, 1898«  
Original Praxinoscope with hot-air engine drive! – Very rare!

Kinematador No. 790, 1897«  
By Ernst Plank, Nuremberg.  
Very rare!

The Call-O-Scope, c. 1920«  
Coin-operated Stereo-Viewing Machine by The Caille Co., Detroit.

Magic Lantern »Lampadophore, 1893«  
Large model by 'Edouard Lapierre' (19 in. high!)

Original »Mutoscope w/Reel 'U.S. Navy in Action', c. 1910«

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## FOR SALE

Hello  
Mi name is  
Roberto Murgua,



I have a beautiful magic lantern, a lot of hand painted color slides as well as antique photographs in glass. I also have a collection of antique cameras. I live in Tampico, Mexico and due to the insecurity in my country I have to move to Spain, so I would like to sell all the collection. I can send you the complete inventory and more pictures.

Thank you,  
Roberto Murgua

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